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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING — SEPTEMBER 2017

Meeting. The Transportation Commission met on September 19, 2017, in Ames. The topics covered included:

Administrative Rules. The Department discussed and the Commission approved rescinding and reserving [761 IAC 110](#), “Highway Project Planning.” Iowa Code section [22.2](#) and [761 IAC 4](#) allow for the public to obtain public records regarding highway project planning. The Commission also approved rescinding and reserving [761 IAC 125](#), “General Requirements and Covenants for Highway and Bridge Construction.” Iowa Code section [22.2](#) and [761 IAC 4](#) allow for the public to obtain public records regarding highway and bridge construction standards. There is no fiscal impact to the State for either rule change.

Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program. The Commission approved three infrastructure projects for funding from the [Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program](#). The Commission approved a total of \$2.6 million for two targeted job creation projects and a rail network improvement project. The applications approved include about \$1.3 million in loans and approximately \$1.3 million in grants.

Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Transit Program. The Commission approved \$6.8 million in federal funds to replace a total of 60 vehicles in 19 transit regions across the State. More information on the Transit Program may be found [here](#).

Revitalize Iowa’s Sound Economy (RISE). The Commission awarded a \$1.1 million RISE Local Development grant to Mason City. The RISE Program is funded by motor fuel and special fuel excise taxes, per Iowa Code chapter [315](#). The project will construct 2,400 feet of 27th Street SW and turn lanes at 43rd Street SW. The grant will come from the city share of the RISE Fund.

More Information. The meeting’s agenda and a full list of projects approved may be found [here](#). The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for October 9 and 10 in Fort Madison.

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